



## Recommendation for Action

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**File #: 22-1427, Agenda Item #: 22.**

**4/21/2022**

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### **Posting Language**

Approve a resolution authorizing negotiation and execution of an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the Lakeline Boulevard expansion project for a total estimated contract amount of \$580,500 plus all cost overruns associated with the project.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Transportation Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$580,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Austin Transportation Department Capital Improvement Budget.

### **Prior Council Action:**

Ordinance No. 20190808-066 - An ordinance to negotiate and execute an Advance Funding Agreement with Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for design and construction of an expansion of Lakeline Boulevard was approved on a 11-0 vote.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The Austin Transportation Department (ATD) will reallocate 2016 Mobility Bond funds that were to be used for the FM 734/Parmer Lane (Parmer Lane) project for the expansion of Lakeline Boulevard between Parmer Lane and Lyndhurst Boulevard. Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). ATD will terminate the existing Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) related to Lakeline Blvd project which included Design and Construction. ATD is requesting authorization to negotiate and execute a new AFA with TxDOT for the Lakeline Blvd project, which will only include the design phase only.

The Parmer Lane project was a Regional Mobility Project within the City of Austin's 2016 Mobility Bond, located in northwest Austin's District 6. The 4.3-mile project limits were defined from SH 45 North to FM 1431 (Whitestone Boulevard) in Cedar Park, though only the 2-mile section from SH 45 to Brushy Creek is within the City of Austin limits. The City intended to use the 2016 Mobility Bond funds to contribute a fixed amount of \$17 million towards the construction of the project. TxDOT was responsible for performing the on-system work and any construction overruns.

In November 2020, TxDOT's Austin District suspended design efforts for the FM 734/Parmer Lane project. Concurrently, the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (CAMPO) Transportation Policy Board initiated a Regional Corridor Improvements study for FM 734/Parmer Lane from RM 2243 in Leander to SH 130, a total length of 22.5 miles. As a result of the design efforts being indefinitely suspended and CAMPO's decision to move forward with a comprehensive corridor study for FM 734/Parmer Lane, the city will be unable to spend its \$17million contribution on the original Parmer Lane project within the specified 8-year timeframe of

the 2016 Mobility Bond (by 2024).

The Lakeline Boulevard Expansion project is also located in District 6 and completes the cross-section of Lakeline Boulevard between Parmer Lane and Lyndhurst Boulevard. The current configuration of Lakeline Boulevard is a two-lane undivided roadway with sidewalks on one side of the road and no bicycle facilities. The proposed project will complete the other half with a four-lane roadway divided by a raised median with turn lanes and multimodal facilities that meet the City of Austin design standards. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities are proposed on both sides of the roadway to increase safety and improve the current configuration. The roadway also provides a critical connection to an existing transit facility (Lakeline Station). The expansion of Lakeline Boulevard is one of the remaining roadway projects identified in the Austin Metropolitan Area Transportation Plan as an expansion project in the MPO's Organization Regional Transportation Plan adopted in 1995.

The reallocation of these funds will fully fund the Lakeline Boulevard expansion project with construction dollars. Based on the current schedule, ATD staff anticipates the Lakeline project can be ready for construction in late 2024. ATD has an existing design contract and is prepared to initiate the detailed engineering design phase immediately, should this request be approved.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Mobility, Safety